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For: CLONING AND REGULATION OF AN ENDOTHELIAL CELL
PROTEIN C/ACTIVATED PROTEIN C RECEPTOR

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Office Action mailed March 28, 2001 restricted the claims to the following groups:

Group I, claims 16 and 17, drawn to a method of enhancing an inflammatory response, class and subclass dependent on structure of compound used;

Group II, claim 18, drawn to a method of inhibiting an inflammatory response using EPCR fragments, classified in class 424, subclass 130.1;

Group III, claim 22, drawn to a method of screening compounds, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1; and

Group IV, claim 23, drawn to a method of screening patients, classified in class 424, subclass 130.1.

Applicants elect Group I, without traverse. Please cancel claims 18, 22 and 23. ✓

Applicants elect antibodies as the species, with the understanding that claim 16 is generic.

Enclosed in support of the claims are copies of the following papers demonstrating the role of the EPCR in inflammation:

Kurosawa, et al., J. Immunol. 165:4697-4703 (2000)

Gu, et al., abstract the 42nd ASH Annual Meeting Blood 96:841a(#3516) (2000)

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Ye, et al., Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm. 259, 671-677 (1999)

Shu, et al., FEBS Letters 477:208-212 (2000)

Tsuneyoshi, et al., Thromb. Haemost. 85:356-361 (2001)

Liaw, et al., J. Biochem. Chem. 275(8):5447-5452 (2000)

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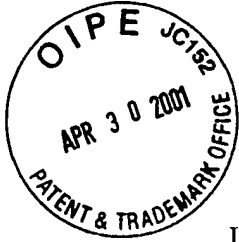
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